

JEWELRY

Essentials



*Crafting Custom
Jewelry Starts Here*

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STRETCH CORD

New to jewelry making? Crafting with stretch cord is a great way to get started! This flexible, durable material is ideal for novices because it allows you to create bracelets and necklaces that slide on and off. That means you can finish off your DIY accessory with a simple knot—no clasp or tools necessary!



HEADPINS

Headpins are made of flexible wire and have stoppers (called heads) at one end to keep embellishments from sliding off. We chose ballpoint headpins to hang beads from this charm bracelet, but you can also use standard headpins, which have flat heads.

Tip: Eye pins feature a loop at one end instead of a head.



JUMP RINGS

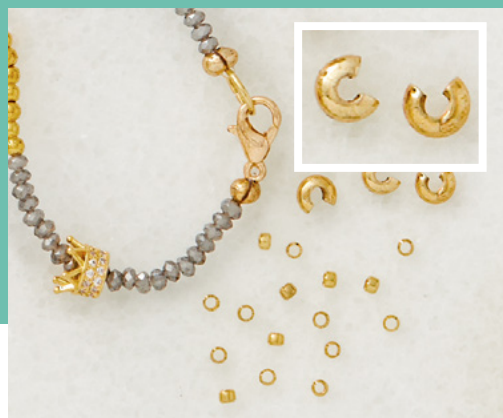
Connecting jewelry components isn't the only reason we love jump rings, but it's a good jumping off point. To open, use chain nose pliers to pull one end of the jump ring toward you and the other away from you—twisting (not stretching) the jump rings helps it close again securely.

CORD CRIMPS

A cord crimp clamps securely around cording (fold the sides of the crimp over the cording and squeeze firmly) and has an opening that allows you to attach a chain, clasp or other jewelry component.



Tip: Try pinch crimps (not pictured) to connect larger, flat material like ribbon.



CRIMP BEADS & COVERS

Crimp beads are like the bookends of the jewelry world. Why? You can flatten crimp beads with a pair of pliers to secure them in place along stretch cord or beading wire and small embellishments can't slide past them.

Tip: Conceal crushed crimp beads with covers for a more polished look.



PINCH BAILETS

A pinch bail is a beginner-friendly component that allows you to attach embellishments without using jewelry tools. Align the prongs of the bail with the opening on a pendant or charm, and then pinch them together to secure. Finish by stringing chain or cord through the other end of the bail.

JEWELRY SIZE GUIDE

Use this guide as a cheat
sheet for necklace and
bracelet lengths!

NECKLACE LENGTHS

Choker: 14-16"

Princess: 17-19"

Matinee: 20-24"

Opera: 28-34"

Rope: 37+"

BRACELET LENGTHS

CHILD

4-5 years: 5¾", 6¼", 6½"

6-7 years: 6"

8-9 years: 6¼"

10-11 years: 6½"

12-13 years: 6¾"

ADULT

Petite-Average: 7"

Average: 7¼"

Extended Average: 7½"

Large: 7¾"

X-Large: 8-9"

